

Title (en)

Elimination of noise during power supply switching in an audio amplifier circuit

Title (de)

Rauschunterdrückung beim Schalten der Stromversorgung in einer Audioverstärkerschaltung

Title (fr)

Elimination du bruit lors de la commutation de l'alimentation dans un circuit amplificateur audio

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Abstract (en)

An audio amplifier circuit comprising: a voltage-gain amplifier 16 and a current-gain amplifier 17 in series thereafter between an input node 11 and an output node 12; power supply lines 18 for supplying power to the audio amplifier circuit; an outer negative feedback loop 20 around the current-gain amplifier 17 and the voltage-gain amplifier 16; an inner negative feedback loop 23 around the voltage-gain amplifier 16; a first switch 27 for selectively connecting the power supply lines 18 to the current-gain amplifier 17; a second switch 28 for selectively switching the inner negative feedback loop 23 or the outer feedback loop 20 to the voltage-gain amplifier 16; and a control circuit 36, 37 arranged to control the switch during power supply switching. On supply of power: the power supply lines 18 are disconnected from the current-gain amplifier 17; the inner feedback loop 23 is switched to the voltage-gain amplifier 16 and subsequently, after a delay sufficient to allow the output of the voltage-gain amplifier 16 to stabilise, the power supply lines 18 are connected to the current-gain amplifier 17; and the inner feedback loop 23 is switched to the voltage-gain amplifier 16. When power is removed, the inner feedback loop 23 is switched to the voltage-gain amplifier 16 and subsequently the power supply lines 18 are disconnected from the current-gain amplifier 17. The audio amplifier circuit further comprises a charging path 25 including resistance means 26 for charging the output node 12 of the audio amplifier circuit to its quiescent level through the resistance means 26; and a fourth switch means 30 for selectively opening or closing the charging path 25. When power is supplied the fourth switch means 30 is closed and subsequently, after a delay sufficient to allow the output node 12 of the audio amplifier circuit to be charged to the quiescent voltage, opening the fourth switch means 30.

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